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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18 and 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 10-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: *patnet copy w/annotations*.

Applicant elected specie one, figures 1-6. In this specie there is no lugs extending from each side as recited in claim 1. The examiner considered as many limitations as possible. Sometimes it was difficult in that the applicant used different terminology in the claims, other than the language in the specification, to refer to elements of the embodiment. The examiner reviewed the claims and applied prior art as best as understood. If another embodiment of the invention, including the lugs and notches, is being claimed, then this embodiment and claim is not generic to all species. As a courtesy to the applicant, the examiner considered the same an error on applicant's part and believe the language will be removed in the next response. If not the claim must also be withdrawn.

Contrary to what is recited in claim 18 the ribs do not have fasteners in the embodiment of Specie 1, figures 1-6. Therefore claim 18 has been withdrawn. Claim 19 has been withdrawn as there are no lugs in the embodiment of Specie 1.

Therefore, claims 10-17 have been examined and claims 18-19 have been withdrawn. Claim 10 must be corrected to remove the lugs or clarification is required to show how these lugs are include in Specie 1 directed to figures 1-6

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

J Claims 10 -¹⁷ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Swanson (1150790). Swanson discloses an assembly for mounting to a structure comprising:

1. a base 22 including
 - a. first and second sides
 - b. first and second base portions
 - c. the first base portion including a plurality of first portion rib 23
 - d. the at least one first portion rib having a generally u-shaped cross section and being located between the first and second sides; see annotations on patent copy
 - e. the first base portion including a plurality of first portion notch 24 located at each side
 - f. the notches are aligned with the ribs
 - g. the second base portion having a plurality of second rib 23 and a plurality of second portion planar surfaces adjacent the second portion ribs
 - h. the notches are aligned with the ribs
 - i. the planar surfaces are located between a pair of ribs
 - j. the a plurality of second portion rib having a generally u shaped cross section and being located between the first and second sides
 - k. Each first and second base portions having a plurality of apertures for receiving a fastener. See figures 2 and 3

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2. a cover 18 shown in figure 4
 - a. the cover includes first and second sides
 - b. the cover portion being removable connectable with the base
 - c. the first cover portion having a removable inwardly facing projection 20 located on each side of the cover
 - d. Each projection corresponds to the notches
 - e. The first and second cover portions have blind recesses located at one each side of the cover
 3. third base portion adjacent the second base portion
 - a. the third base portion includes the rib, the notch, the u shaped cross section, the projections and the cover. See limitations above
- Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chapman E. Jeanette whose telephone number is 571-272-6841. The examiner can normally be reached on
- If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Friedman Carl can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

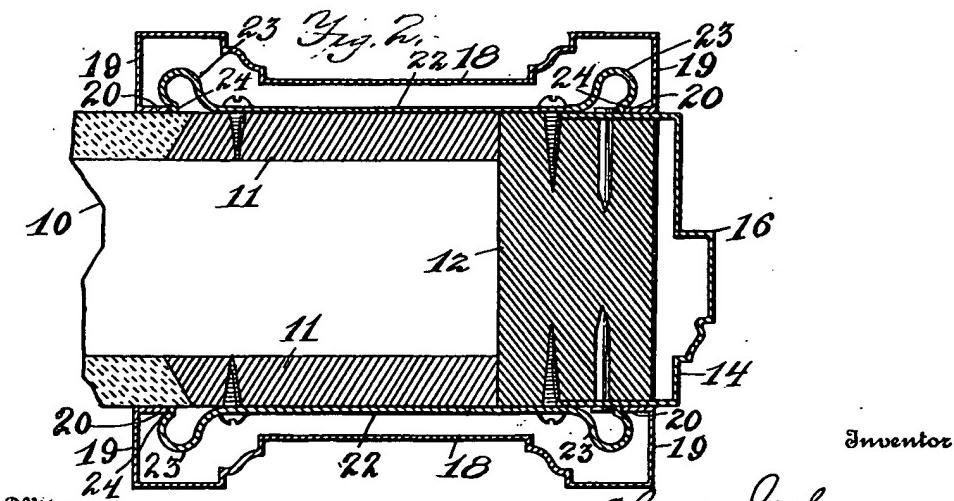
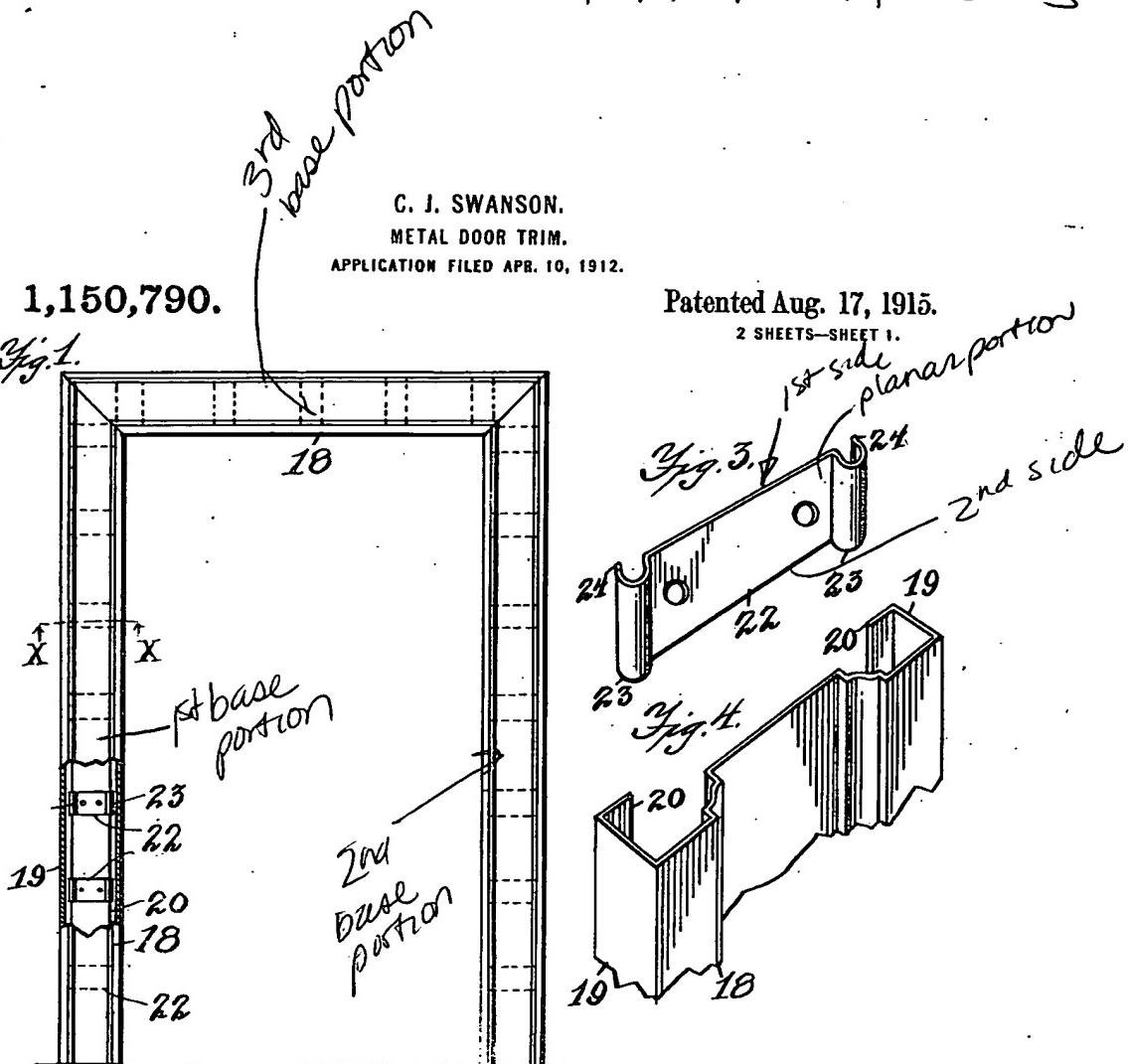
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanette Chapman". Below the signature, the name is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font: "Jeanette Chapman" on top and "Primary Examiner" directly beneath it.

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